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In re Application of: Mark B. Lyles

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Title: MATERIALS AND METHODS FOR BINDING
NUCLEIC ACIDS TO SURFACES

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND AMENDMENT

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action mailed March 26, 2003, which sets forth an election of species requirement. In response to the election of species requirement, Applicant hereby elects with traverse to prosecute SPECIES 1 (Claims 19-28). Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application for the cancelled claims (Claims 1-18) at a later date.